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Please see a few comments on the Green Code Supplement below:

- 302 Green Building Act Requirements: It's quite complicated reading through this section and figuring out what the requirements and compliance paths are for a given project. Since a lot of us that work in design and construction are visually oriented, I'd recommend some type of flow chart diagram be included in the Green Building Program Manual that would guide the reader through the relevant requirements based on project size and type.
- 302.4.1: LEED version – This section seems to indicate that a project can use LEED as a compliance path without registering the project with USGBC and going through their review process. Two points on this: 1) We've assisted projects that wanted to be designed to LEED, without going through the certification process, and it lowers the quality of the documentation because the team knows it won't be verified. 2) If USGBC's review process is not used, who can verify that a project has met the requirements for technical matters such as energy and ventilation prerequisites? Even within USGBC, review of such information falls to specialized subject matter experts.
- 10.3.1.2.1: Activities Prior to Building Permit – This section is struck in the proposed supplement. Recommend including this section. Meeting commissioning requirements, particularly for smaller projects, seems like one of the biggest 'do different' aspects of the proposed supplement. Requiring the commissioning authority to be identified at the permit stage provides an easy check that a project is on target to meet its green building requirements.

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